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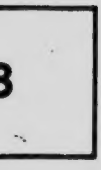

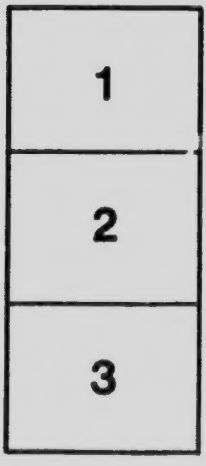

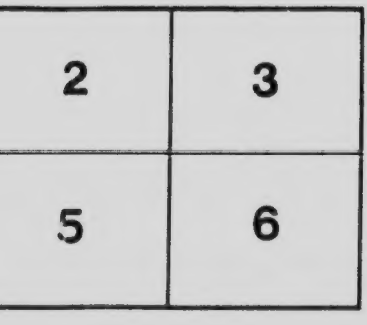

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Tobacco culture in Canada is an industry of comparative recent date. It has expanded during the past twenty-five or thirty years, and more especially since a protective duty of twenty-eight cents per pound has been imposed on all foreign leaf tobacco.

The chief growing centres are as follows: In southern Ontario, Essex and Kent counties. In Quebec, Joliette, Montcalm, l'Assomption, Two Mountains, Rouville and Berthier counties.

The climatic conditions have specialized to a certain extent the types of each section, for instance, Essex and Kent counties produce especially plug tobaccos, (Burleys), and smoking tobaccos, (pipe), of rather heavy texture, (Kentucky types, large seed leafs, etc.). The northern counties of Quebec supply cigar tobaccos, (binders and fillers), and pipe tobaccos, while the southern counties, (Yamaska Valley), produce cigar tobaccos of somewhat finer texture and a little larger, supplying a higher percentage of binders.

The tobacco growing centres of Canada might be described as follows:

Southern Ontario.—White Burleys, Large Connecticuts, snuff tobaccos fire cured, bright tobaccos flue cured, plus a small proportion of Zimmer Spanish and small seed leafs.

Quebec (Southern Counties).—Comstock Spanish, Havana Seed Leaf, Connecticut Seed Leaf.

(Northern Counties).—Comstock Spanish, Havana Seed Leaf, Connecticuts, General Grant, Blue Pryor, Canelle, etc.

The Tobacco Division will furnish the tobacco growers on application all information relating to the growing of those varieties, such as sowing of the seed beds, care to be given them, transplanting, cultivation of the tobacco plant, harvesting and curing.

Bulletins dealing with the various phases of tobacco culture in Canada can be obtained free on application to the Tobacco Division at Ottawa, or the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

In special cases further information will be furnished by correspondence.

A large supply of selected tobacco seed is distributed free to the tobacco growers every winter. The samples of seed distributed are accompanied by a special note mentioning the distances at which one should plant, the suitable soils, how to top, for what purpose the product might be used, etc.

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